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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 80

Offered February 16, 2018

Celebrating the life of Charles Bradley Arnett, Jr.

Patron—Peace

WHEREAS, Charles Bradley Arnett, Jr., a beloved husband, father, and grandfather, a distinguished military veteran, and an active member of the Mechanicsville community, died on June 17, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Charles Bradley "C.B." Arnett, Jr., was born in 1935 in Charleston, West Virginia, and graduated from West Virginia University; and

WHEREAS, C.B. Arnett joined the United States Navy in 1956 and later became a Douglas A-4 Skyhawk pilot stationed at Naval Air Station Oceana in Virginia Beach; during his navy career, he made over 200 aircraft carrier landings as a pilot and oversaw many more as an aircraft carrier Landing Safety Officer; and

WHEREAS, after retiring from the Navy as a lieutenant commander, C.B. Arnett flew Boeing 707s as a commercial pilot with Pan American World Airways before spending 20 years in the real estate business; and

WHEREAS, following his retirement in 2000, C.B. Arnett and his wife relocated to Mechanicsville; once in Central Virginia, he served for five years as a page master at the Virginia General Assembly and as a doorman for several years thereafter; and

WHEREAS, an active member of the American Legion Post 175, C.B. Arnett also served for several years as an assistant coach with the Oak Knoll Middle School girls' tennis team; in his last year with the team, he helped guide it to an undefeated season; and

WHEREAS, C.B. Arnett will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by his wife of 56 years, Pat; his children, Vicki and Brad, and their families; and countless other family members, friends, and residents of both Virginia Beach and Mechanicsville; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates hereby note with great sadness the loss of Charles Bradley Arnett, Jr., an esteemed veteran and respected community member; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Charles Bradley Arnett, Jr., as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for his memory.